

February 18, 2009

Dear Organization / Agency Personnel:

Are you interested in creating a more environmentally-friendly, *green* establishment at your school or organization? Do you have ideas which will promote the use of local foods or resources while promoting sustainability for future generations? Would your idea promote policy or change within your immediate environment? Are you concerned about the practice of recycling and how your facility can reduce, reuse, and recycle to enhance the environment while saving money? Do you need funds to support your idea and help implement it to those around you and within the greater community? If so, you may want to take advantage of this health-based grant opportunity.

The Eat Right Montana Coalition is offering a mini-grant program to support schools, childcare or senior facilities, and other non-profit organizations that want to support *Going Green* activities in Montana. Twelve (12) mini-grants of \$500 (\$6,000 total budget) each will be awarded to programs wanting to take positive, sustainable action steps to make policy and environmental changes. Those steps must be aimed at “Going Green” and promoting sustainability through effective use and recycling of resources used.

Please share this letter and mini-grant application with persons or organizations. **The deadline for submitting an application is Monday, March 30, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.** Each grantee will receive their award during the month of April, to be utilized throughout the spring, summer and into fall. A brief summary report of each grant recipient will be due in November and will be presented at our December meeting.

Thank you in advance for sharing this incredible opportunity with those in your community. Please feel free to contact myself at linda.hogg@montana.edu or Ginny Furshong at gfurshong@mt.gov if you have questions or need further clarification.

The application packet is posted on our web site: www.eatrightmontana.org under the Events link on the left side of the page.

Sincerely,

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Board Member at Large

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